

## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of:  | )                      |
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| Takako YAMAGUCHI et al.  | Examiner: Unassigned   |
| Application No.: 10/529,891  | Group Art Unit: 1756   |
| Completion of Entry into U.S. National Stage Under 35 U.S.C. § 371(c): July 26, 2005   | Confirmation No.: 7802 |
| For: EXPOSURE MASK, METHOD OF DESIGNING AND MANUFACTURING THE SAME, EXPOSURE METHOD AND APPARATUS, PATTERN FORMING METHOD, AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD |                        |

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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statements filed June 29, 2005, and May 16, 2006, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form.

Applicants request that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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